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| REPORT BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TDAG CORRESPONDENCE GROUP ON THE STRATEGIC PLAN, OPERATIONAL PLAN AND DECLARATION |
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| **Summary:** This document is a report of the TDAG Correspondence Group on the Strategic Plan, Operational Plan and Declaration (CG-SPOPD) during its meeting on 9 May 2017. It provides a history of the development of the preliminary draft ITU-D contribution to the ITU Strategic Plan for 2020-2023, the preliminary draft ITU-D Action Plan for 2018-2021 and the preliminary draft WTDC-17 Declaration by CG-SPOPD, as well as their review by TDAG and the six Regional Preparatory Meetings for WTDC-17.CG-SPOPD agreed that a compilation of the proposals on the Strategic Plan, Action Plan and Declaration contained in Documents TDAG17/7, 8 and 9 would be submitted to TDAG for further consideration and could be used by the regional groups in developing their common proposals to WTDC-17 as well as by Member States for their proposals to the Conference. **Action required:** TDAG is invited to consider this report and provide any further input as deemed appropriate. Outcomes of TDAG-17 will be submitted to membership as reference document in the preparation of their contribution to WTDC-17.**References:** Documents TDAG17/[7](https://www.itu.int/md/D14-TDAG22-C-0007/en), [8](https://www.itu.int/md/D14-TDAG22-C-0008/en) and [9](https://www.itu.int/md/D14-TDAG22-C-0009/en) |

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CG-SPOPD prepared the draft versions of the preliminary draft ITU-D contribution to the ITU Strategic Plan for 2020-2023, the preliminary draft ITU-D Action Plan for 2018-2021 and the preliminary draft WTDC-17 Declaration.

These were reviewed by the CG-SPOPD during its April 2015 and March 2016 meetings and then submitted to TDAG. At its March 2016 meeting, TDAG decided that the three documents, including specific modifications to the Action Plan agreed by TDAG-16, should be posted on the CG-SPOPD website for online consultation by the ITU-D membership through 30 June 2016. In the case of the Strategic Plan and Action Plan, no further modifications were proposed by this deadline.

Modifications to the Declaration proposed during the online consultation were incorporated into the preliminary draft WTDC-17 Declaration.

These three documents were then submitted as a contribution to all six Regional Preparatory Meetings (RPMs) for the 2017 World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC-17).

All of the RPMs welcomed the preliminary draft ITU-D contribution to the ITU Strategic Plan for 2020-2023 and the preliminary draft ITU-D Action Plan for 2018-2021, and agreed that more discussion on the Strategic and Action Plans on a regional basis was required in order to prepare regional contributions on the Strategic Plan and Action Plan to TDAG and WTDC-17.

RPM-CIS, RPM-AFR, RPM-ARB and RPM-EUR each agreed that more discussions on the preliminary draft WTDC-17 Declaration were required in order to prepare regional contributions on the preliminary draft WTDC-17 Declaration to TDAG and WTDC-17.

RPM-CIS supported its revision as set out in Document [RPM-CIS16/26](http://www.itu.int/md/D14-RPMCIS-C-0026/en) and agreed to prepare, on the basis thereof, a regional common proposal to WTDC-17.

RPM-AMS, which created an Ad-Hoc Group on the preliminary draft WTDC-17 Declaration, reached a consensus on the Preliminary draft WTDC-17 Declaration from RPM-AMS contained in [Annex 2 of the Report of the Chairman of RPM-AMS](https://www.itu.int/md/D14-RPMAMS-C-0041/en).

RPM-ASP, which created an Ad-Hoc Group on the preliminary draft WTDC-17 Declaration, noted the report of the Chairman of this Ad-Hoc Group and agreed to use it as the basis for continuing work towards developing a consolidated contribution from the region. This report is available in [Annex 2 to the Report of the Chairman of RPM-ASP](https://www.itu.int/md/D14-RPMASP-170321-TD-0005/en).

During its 9 May 2017 meeting, CG-SPOPD welcomed the work of the RPMs and discussed, with regard to the draft ITU–D contribution to the ITU Strategic Plan for 2020-2023, Documents TDAG17/DT/[4](https://www.itu.int/md/D14-TDAG22-TD-0004/en) and10, TDAG Documents 47, 48 and 59.

The draft ITU-D contribution to the draft ITU Strategic Plan for 2020-2023 includes four objectives in line with the following three points:

1. It is more results-focused than the current 2016-2019 Strategic Plan in keeping with a results-based management approach.
2. It **retains all content** of the 2016-2019 ITU-D Strategic Plan that have been streamlined, and references to the corresponding Outcomes and Outputs of the current Strategic Plan have been provided in the contribution. In addition, the 2016-2019 Strategic Plan is included as Annex E for ease of reference.
3. The current five Objectives of the 2016-2019 Strategic Plan are presented in four Objectives which use language that can be recognized by ITU Members and stakeholders and speak to the broader public so that people not currently involved in ITU-D can associate themselves with our important work. The contribution aims to simplify the language of the current Strategic Plan, including eliminating any duplications.

CG-SPOPD discussed, with regard to the draft Action Plan, TDAG17 DT/[5](https://www.itu.int/md/D14-TDAG22-TD-0005/en) and 11 as well as TDAG Documents 50 and 54. China, following informal consultations with TDAG delegates, agreed to prepare a revision of Document 54 to be submitted to TDAG17.

CG-SPOPD discussed, with regard to the Declaration, TDAG17 DT/[6](https://www.itu.int/md/D14-TDAG22-TD-0006/en) and 12 as well as TDAG17 Documents 45, 49, 52, 60 and 68.

During the discussion of all of these documents, the Chairman reiterated that the Strategic Plan and the Declaration should remain at a high level rather than becoming too detailed since operational elements should be reflected either in the Action Plan or the annual and rolling ITU-D Operational Plans.

CG-SPOPD agreed that a compilation of the proposals on the Strategic Plan, Action Plan and Declaration contained in Documents TDAG17/[7](https://www.itu.int/md/D14-TDAG22-C-0007/en), [8](https://www.itu.int/md/D14-TDAG22-C-0008/en) and [9](https://www.itu.int/md/D14-TDAG22-C-0009/en) would be submitted to TDAG for further consideration and could be used by the regional groups in developing their common proposals to WTDC-17, as well as by Member States for their proposals to the Conference.

Links to the compilations of the proposals on the Strategic Plan, Action Plan and Declaration can be found in Annex 1, 2, 3.

In addition CG-SPOPD endorsed the ITU-D four year rolling Operational Plan for 2017-2020.

**Action required**

TDAG is invited to consider this report and provide any further input as deemed appropriate. Outcomes of TDAG-17 will be submitted to membership as reference document in the preparation of their contribution to WTDC-17.

ANNEX 1

Compilation of outcomes of RPMs and contributions to TDAG on the preliminary draft ITU-D Contribution to the ITU Strategic Plan for 2020-2023 (Document [TDAG17-22/7](https://www.itu.int/md/D14-TDAG22-C-0007/))

ANNEX 2

Compilation of outcomes of RPMs and contributions to TDAG on the preliminary draft ITU-D Action Plan 2018-2021 ([TDAG17-22/8](https://www.itu.int/md/D14-TDAG22-C-0008/))

ANNEX 3

Compilation of outcomes of RPMs and contributions to TDAG on the preliminary draft WTDC-17 Declaration ([TDAG17-22/9](https://www.itu.int/md/D14-TDAG22-C-0009/))

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